

Nashua Conservation Commission

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Overview

The Nashua Conservation Commission (NCC) mission is to protect Nashua's natural and watershed resources as stipulated in NH RSA Chapter 36A and in the City of Nashua Wetland Ordinance.

Major Activities of Fiscal Year 2007

The commission reviewed approximately 20 new applications that entailed disturbance of city wetlands or wetland buffers. These ranged from minimal activity such as a request to cut down dead trees in a wetland buffer to a 10-acre major commercial development impacting wetlands. A typical request included an initial conceptual presentation, a visit by the Commission to the site in question, and a follow-up meeting at which the commission decides on its recommendation to the Zoning Board of adjustment and, if applicable, to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). Subsequent monitoring of approved projects has usually been done periodically by a designated commissioner.

The Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), contracted to Moosewood Ecological Services in Fiscal Year 2006, was reviewed, edited and printed early in 2007. The commission held multiple closed sessions to evaluate various properties within the city for possible purchase as conservation land. The NRI has been an important tool in making these assessments.